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Trombonist, 'Seashellist' Steve Turre To Perform With Cal Poly Jazz Bands

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- "Saturday Night Live" trombonist Steve Turre, known also as a "seashell player extraordinaire," will headline Cal Poly's annual Jazz Night concert at 8 p.m. May 31 in the Christopher Cohan Center's Harman Hall. Turre will perform with the University Jazz Band #1, led by Cal Poly's jazz studies director, Paul Rinzler.

Considered one of the world's preeminent jazz innovators, Turre has consistently won both the readers' and critics' polls in "JazzTimes," "Downbeat" and "Jazziz" magazines for Best Trombone and for Best Miscellaneous Instrumentalist (seashells). He has performed with Dizzy Gillespie, McCoy Tyner, J.J. Johnson, Art Blakey, Herbie Hancock, Lester Bowie, Tito Puente, Mongo Santamaria, Van Morrison, Pharoah Sanders, Horace Silver, Max Roach and Rahsaan Roland Kirk.

Kirk introduced Turre to the seashell as an instrument, and, after learning that his ancestors also played the shells, Turre incorporated them into his diverse musical style.

Turre and the University Jazz Band #1 will perform pieces from Turre's own library as well as other contemporary big-band music. Turre will also present a free jazz clinic at 1:30 p.m. in Room 216 in the Davidson Music Center on campus.

Also appearing that evening will be the University Jazz Band #2, directed by Music Professor William Johnson; Cal Poly Vocal Jazz, directed by Music Professor Thomas Davies; and the Cal Poly Jazz Combo, directed by Rinzler.

Tickets cost \$5 for students, \$10 to \$13 for senior citizens and San Luis Obispo Jazz Federation members, and \$12 to \$15 for other adults. They can be bought at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (756-2787).

The Jazz Night concert is sponsored by Cal Poly's Music Department, College of Liberal Arts, and Instructionally Related Activities program. For more information call the Music Department at 756-2406.

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